

DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

Moemoeā Whakapono Tutuki

GREETINGS, KIA ORA, FAKALOFA LAHI ATU, MALO E LEILEI, TALOFA LAVA, TALOHA, KIA ORANA, NI HAO, BUENOS DIAS, CIAO, MALO NO HABARI, DOBAR DAN, BULA VINAKA, ANYEONGHASEYO, NAMESTE, SAWATDI, SUSADEI, SELAMAT SIANG, SABAIDEE, MINGALABAR

HE MIHI NĀ TE TUMUAKI - PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa

Week 5 of Term 1 is well underway, and by the end of this week, we will already be halfway through the first quarter of the school year. Time certainly flies when there is so much happening!

A heartfelt thank you to the 287 whānau who joined us for our Meet My Teacher evening last Thursday. It was fabulous to host you - to meet, greet and share kai together. Nothing quite beats a BBQ sausage... or two! 🍔 The common theme from the evening was a real sense of excitement about 2026, appreciation for what is already on offer so early in the year, and positive feedback about clear and concise communication. **THANK YOU** - we value your partnership.

Our new students have integrated seamlessly into the **McLAREN Way** and are already forming friendships with peers from many contributing schools. Our Year 8 students are confidently modelling expectations and demonstrating leadership for our newcomers - a wonderful example of whānaungatanga in action.

Intermediate schooling is such an important stage. Your child - our student - is experiencing significant social, emotional, physical and academic growth. As parents and caregivers, please remember that your child's teacher is always happy to connect, answer questions or discuss any aspect of learning. Email addresses are available on the school website, or you can contact the school office. Your child's teacher is your **FIRST** point of contact.

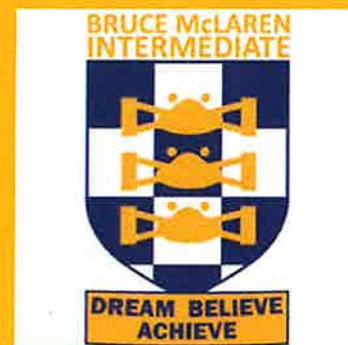
You may hear your child talking about: **5 Safe Adults; Right place, right time, right thing; DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE; the 5Cs; Off at the Gate; "I go through the school gates to learn"; learning while having fun; Opportunities Day; Kura Hakinakina; Sports Camp; WZ Sports; iHub lessons**, and more. We encourage you to ask them what these mean - each one is part of our ethos here at **Bruce McLaren Intermediate School**.

Last Monday, we were privileged to host **David Riley**, author, who addressed the school and led writing workshops with our ākonga. He was highly impressed with our students, our library layout, and our strong focus on immersing learners in quality printed material and incredible books. David generously donated a set of his books for our students to enjoy - we are truly grateful for his support.

With the sun shining, it has been wonderful to make full use of our expansive field for play, sports trials and trainings, PE lessons, and simply enjoying being active outdoors.



thank you



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 5

Monday 24 Feb 3:05pm
Orienteering @ H.H.S

Tuesday
Road Patrol Training

Thursday 27 Feb 6:00 pm
Board of Trustees Meeting

Week 6

Thursday 5 March
WZ Girls Softball

Week 7

Monday 9 March
Atawhai & Manawanui
Beach Ed Trip

Tuesday 10 March
Mahi Tahi & Manaaki
Beach Ed Trip

Thursday 12 March
My Personal Best
Learning Profile
WZ Swimming
WZ Tag

Week 10

Thursday 2 April
Last day of Term

Friday 3 April
Good Friday

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HE MIHI NĀ TE TUMUAKI - PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT'D

Please take time to read the general reminders later in this newsletter to stay up to date with what is happening at school, so your child doesn't miss out on any opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support and for your commitment to ensuring your child attends school, ready to make the most of the incredible range of learning opportunities available here.

Have a fabulous fortnight ahead.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood
Tumuaki Principal

Attendance

The class that successfully achieves >95% weekly attendance, on any given week for Term 1, will win a visit to their class by Mr Whippy, as of Week 5+.

Attendance = Engagement = Achievement.

Which class or classes will this be? Watch this space.

Off at the Gate

Discussion with your child about **OFF AT THE GATE** is imperative. Students, when entering school, are to turn devices off as they enter the school gates and turn them on again as they leave the school gates at the end of the day.

Students, when entering school, are to get off bicycles, scooters, skateboards and skates at the school gate for everyone's safety. No helmet - no ride.

Please support the school in safeguarding everyone.

Celebrating with our Community

Asian communities from all over the world welcomed in the Year of the Fire Horse on 17 February 2026. 2026 is the Year of the Horse and predicted to be a year of bravery, speed, and resilience. It celebrates new beginnings with family reunions, red decorations, and fireworks, aiming to welcome luck and prosperity, culminating in the Lantern Festival.

Ramadan commenced on 17 February also. Ramadan is the ninth and holiest month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a period of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community. Lasting 29-30 days based on the lunar calendar, with the primary goal of cultivating spiritual growth, self-discipline, and empathy.



**PLEASE TURN
OFF YOUR
MOBILE PHONE**



PRINCIPAL AWARDS



Week 4

Room 1
Kyla & Azumi

Room 2
Daniel & Shakina

Room 3
Winston & Dev

Room 4
Sudeeksha
Zainab

Room 5
Zeka & Veronica

Room 6
Chase & Lu'Emma

Room 9
Adi & Nele

Room 10
McKenzie & Lesieli

Room 11
Ihaperā & Theo

Ola Finafinau
Vaimoana & Sierra

Room 13
Lars & Megan

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E-Bully Email

BMIS has **zero tolerance** for bullying, and it is important that students understand what bullying is. Learners are supported by class teachers, whānau leaders, staff, and school resources.

If concerns arise at home - whether during family time or the after-school rush you are welcome to email: ebully@brucemclaren.school.nz.

You will be contacted to discuss the concern and any follow-up actions.

Mrs Wood put this process in place on her arrival at BMIS, and last year we received no emails, which is fantastic. However, please know the support is there if needed.

IS IT BULLYING?

NOT NICE: When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they only do it once. ... that is NOT NICE

MEAN: When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it more than once. ... that is MEAN

BULLYING: When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it, over a period of time, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset. ... that is BULLYING



Road Patrol

Constable Jen was on site on Tuesday, 24 February to do a Road Patrol and Road Safety refresher course with our Road Patrollers. These students are to be congratulated on their commitment to ensuring our ākonga can cross Bruce McLaren Road safely in the mornings before school and in the afternoons directly at 3pm.

The Road patrollers are:

- Shanaya R1
- Sophlyn R2
- Shakina R2
- Shoaib R2
- Treasure R4
- Veronica R5
- Janna R5
- Eve R5
- La Young R9
- Lesieli R10
- Shivnash R13



Please support our Road Patrollers and staff on Crossing Duties by NOT parking on **YELLOW LINES**, in the bus bay or obstructing road vision. Help us keep our learners - your children, safe.



Orienteering @ H.H.S

On Monday, 23 February at 3:05pm, 62 students walked to Henderson High School to participate in the Trail Blazer Series.

It was an amazing experience for our ākonga, who were racing around, reading maps, and exploring a new environment.

Thank you to the parents for your support. Everyone had a great time. This was a brilliant trial for WZ Orienteering. Thanks to Miss Noffke for her organisation.

McLAREN AWARDS

Week 4

- Room 8 - Rydah
- Room 9 - La Young
- Room 12 - Fiaese
- Room 13 - Megan

Week 5

- Room 5 - Janna
- Room 6 - Galatians
- Room 8 - Kari
- Room 11 - Alyas

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Beach Ed Day

Year 8 students will be attending Beach Ed on Monday 9 March & Tuesday 10 March. This is an imperative programme that all Kiwi students should be involved in.

Beach Ed is an extremely important component of the Year 8 EOTC programme offered at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School.

Beach Ed is a full day surf safety course delivered at the beach by surf lifeguards. Beach Ed delivers at various surf lifesaving clubs and BMIS will be heading to Piha North.

Beach Ed also covers module 8 of Swimming NZ Kiwi Swim Safe Programme. Activities on the day may vary depending on conditions.

Beach Ed Modules:

- Tour of club
- Teaching of surf safety rules - number of rules depends on year group
- Identification of and how to escape a rip current
- Beach games - relating to a skill to stay safe on the beach including a sand sculpture of a rip current
- How to set up a beach patrol - reinforces safety messages
- Water activities - may include mock rescues, body boards, channel/hole identification, survival using flotation device.
- Lifeguard in a rip
- Sun smart



Please note Beach Ed *will* go ahead unless a civil defence coastal/tsunami warning is issued for your Beach Ed day.

Beach Ed requires a 1:5 parent/teacher:student ratio. We need your support to make this a great day for everyone.

Parents/adult helpers are expected to participate in both water and beach activities. The programme requires a minimum of *1 adult to every 5 students in the water*. It is essential that parents & teachers bring their togs and be prepared to get wet. It is a good idea for parent helpers to bring wetsuits if they have them.

If you are able to support on one or both of these days, please ensure that your child's teacher knows this.

It is a great day at Piha North – learning through fun!

